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### Men's Tennis Downed By UW-Green Bay in Horizon League Semifinals, 4-3

Flames to face Cleveland State in third-place match on Sunday.

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**Indianapolis, Ind.-** The University of Illinois at Chicago men's tennis team got off to an outstanding start at the Horizon League Men's Tennis Championships tournament, downing Wright State 4-2 in the first round, but the Flames' dream of the school's first men's tennis conference championship was ousted in heartbreaking fashion by UW-Green Bay in the semifinals as the Phoenix snuck out with a 4-3 win on a dreary Saturday afternoon in Indianapolis.

UIC was paced by Horizon League Newcomer of the Year and All-League First Team selection [Artsem Burmistrau](#), who played through an ankle injury to exact revenge on UW-Green Bay's Ben Davis, who defeated Burmistrau a week earlier, with a 6-2, 6-3 victory.

The Flames, who lost a close doubles point to the Phoenix in their matchup last Friday, took the point with an 8-6 win by Burmistrau and [Karol Zarucki](#) over Davis and Mat Weiss and an 8-2 slam of Derek Gonwa and Eric Hines by the UIC duo of All-League Second Teamer [Paul Glendenning](#) and [Sean Kreymborg](#).

Outside of Burmistrau's singles win, only Kreymborg could post an individual win as the freshman downed Weiss in a back-and-forth 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 win in three sets.

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All-Horizon League First Teamer Artsem Burmistrau's win over Ben Davis was not enough to propel UIC to the league finals.

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It was tough luck for the Flames in three other matches as Zarucki, John Cincola and Pat Zufan were downed in airtight three-set battles.

Zarucki was defeated by Tyler Dorn 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, while Cincola was edged by Jarett Cascino 6-3, 6-7 (8-6) 7-6 (9-7). Zufan took the first set in his match against Scott Dickert, but Dickert helped the Phoenix move on with 6-1, 6-4 wins in the final two frames.

UW-Green Bay moves on to face defending league champion Butler tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

UIC came into their battle with the Phoenix with confidence after moving onto the semifinals with an abbreviated 4-2 win over the Raiders that was delayed by rain. The Flames were able to push the Raiders out of the tourney despite playing the singles slate of their Wright State matchup without an ailing Burmisträu.

Wright State took the first two singles contests against Zarucki and Cincola, but Kreymborg and Zufan added singles wins to a default win at No. 6 singles and the doubles point to give the Flames the win.

UIC will close out their season on Sunday against Cleveland State, who was eliminated by Butler in a 4-0 loss, in the league's third-place match at 9:00 a.m.

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